

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF SURVEY AND PUBLIC MEETING  
TO GIVE INPUT ON PROPOSED REVISION OF SELECTED LIMITS  
IN THE HEAD AND SPINAL CORD INJURY (HASCI) WAIVER**

**South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (State Medicaid Agency) and South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) have been partners in provision of Home and Community Based Waiver programs for many years. SCDDSN currently operates the Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver, with administrative oversight by the State Medicaid Agency.**

**Because of significant state budget reductions to SCDDSN in the past year, it is necessary for annual costs of the HASCI Waiver to be reduced by at least \$300,000. To accomplish this, the attached three options are being considered to revise the current service limits of two services. When a decision is made, it will be necessary for the State Medicaid Agency to apply to the federal government for an amendment to the current HASCI Waiver.**

**Several efforts are being made to obtain input from HASCI Waiver participants, other stakeholders, and the public. A mail survey is being sent to a 20% random sample of current HASCI Waiver participants for return by July 10, 2009. Others may complete the survey on the SCDDSN website ([www.ddsn.sc.gov](http://www.ddsn.sc.gov)). It will also be available for completion on websites of the Brain Injury Alliance of South Carolina ([www.biausa.org](http://www.biausa.org)) and the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury Association ([www.sccspinalcord.org](http://www.sccspinalcord.org)) through July 10, 2009.**

**A public meeting to receive additional input will be conducted on Tuesday, July 7 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at SCDDSN, 3440 Harden Street Ext., Columbia, SC 29203 in Room 251. SCDDSN is located directly across the street from the main entrance of Palmetto Richland Hospital. Directions are attached.**

## **Directions**

### **South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs 3440 Harden Street Extension Columbia, South Carolina 29230**

(Directly across the street from main entrance to Palmetto Richland Hospital)

#### *From Spartanburg:*

Take I-26 E

Take the ROUTE I-126 exit, EXIT 108B, on the LEFT toward DOWNTOWN/COLUMBIA

Merge onto US-76 E

Turn LEFT onto BULL ST/SC-277 N

Turn RIGHT onto HARDEN ST EXT

End at 3440 Harden Street Ext Columbia, SC 29203 (on right side)

#### *From Charleston:*

Take I-26 W

Take the I-126 exit, EXIT 108B, toward COLUMBIA

Merge onto US-76 E

Turn LEFT onto BULL ST/SC-277 N

Turn RIGHT onto HARDEN ST EXT

End at 3440 Harden Street Ext Columbia, SC 29203 (on right side)

#### *From Florence:*

Take I-20 W

Merge onto SC-277 S via EXIT 73A toward COLUMBIA

Turn LEFT onto HARDEN ST EXT

End at 3440 Harden Street Ext Columbia, SC 29203 (on right side)

#### *From Aiken:*

Take I-20 E

Merge onto I-26 E/US-76 E via EXIT 64A toward COLUMBIA

Take the ROUTE I-126 exit, EXIT 108B, on the LEFT toward DOWNTOWN/COLUMBIA

Merge onto US-76 E

Turn LEFT onto BULL ST/SC-277 N

Turn RIGHT onto HARDEN ST EXT

End at 3440 Harden Street Ext Columbia, SC 29203 (on right side)

*For additional travel directions, please visit [mapquest.com](http://mapquest.com) or a similar site.*

## Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Waiver Recommendations for Revised Service Limits

### Option 1

Achieves at least \$300,000 reduction and helps control for future increases due to participants requesting maximum service

<b>Service Name</b> Approximate Number Currently Served	<b>Revised Limit</b> Previous limit	<b>Estimated Cost Savings</b> Estimated Number affected
<b>Attendant Care/ Personal Assistance Services</b> 642	<p><b>49 hours per week on a routine basis</b>  8 hours per day on a routine basis</p> <p><b>Up to 10 hours per day may be authorized on a short term basis (not to exceed 90 days) due to special need circumstances.</b>  Unchanged</p> <p><b>If Attendant Care/Personal Assistance Services is combined with HASCI Waiver Nursing, the combined services, whether routine or short term, may not exceed 10 hours per day. (Nursing limits apply)</b>  If Attendant Care/Personal Assistance Services is combined with HASCI Waiver Nursing, the combined services, whether routine or short term, may not exceed 12 hours per day.  (Nursing limits apply)</p> <p><i>This same revision will be made to HASCI Waiver Nursing</i></p>	<p><b>\$667,193</b>  178</p>

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### Option 2

Achieves at least \$300,000 reduction

<b>Service Name</b> Approximate Number Currently Served	<b>Revised Limit</b> Previous limit	<b>Estimated Cost Savings</b> Estimated Number affected
<b>Attendant Care/ Personal Assistance Services</b> 642	<p><b>52 hours per week on a routine basis</b>  8 hours per day on a routine basis</p> <p><b>Up to 10 hours per day may be authorized on a short term basis (not to exceed 90 days) due to special need circumstances.</b>  Unchanged</p> <p><b>If Attendant Care/Personal Assistance Services is combined with HASCI Waiver Nursing, the combined services, whether routine or short term, may not exceed 10 hours per day. (Nursing limits apply)</b>  If Attendant Care/Personal Assistance Services is combined with HASCI Waiver Nursing, the combined services, whether routine or short term, may not exceed 12 hours per day.  <i>(Nursing limits apply)</i></p> <p><i>This same revision will be made to HASCI Waiver Nursing</i></p>	<p><b>\$341, 840</b>  170</p>

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### Option 3

Achieves at least \$300,000 reduction

<b>Service Name</b> Approximate Number Currently Served	<b>Revised Limit</b> Previous limit	<b>Estimated Cost Savings</b> Estimated Number affected
<b>HASCI Waiver Nursing</b> 75	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>LPN: 28 hours per week (\$700)</b>  60 hours per week (\$1500) </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>or</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>RN: 21 hours per week (\$693)</b>  44 hours per week (\$1452) </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>or</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Combination of LPN and RN hours cannot exceed \$700 per week</b>  Combination of LPN and RN hours cannot exceed \$1500 per week </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>If Attendant Care/Personal Assistance Services is combined with HASCI Waiver Nursing, the combined services, whether routine or short term, may not exceed 10 hours per day. (Nursing limits apply)</b>  If Attendant Care/Personal Assistance Services is combined with HASCI Waiver Nursing, the combined services, whether routine or short term, may not exceed 12 hours per day.  <i>(Nursing limits apply)</i> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>This same revision will be made to Attendant Care/Personal Assistance Services</i> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>\$305,555</b>  25 </p>